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Update for AIDS Drug Assistance Program (9 AAC 6, Article 4)

Based on comments received and discussions of the draft rules for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) in Title 9, Chapter 6, Article 4, the Department has revised the draft rules. The revised draft has been posted on the ADAP Web Page.

In addition to some minor grammatical changes to clarify meaning, the revised draft addresses the circumstances under which the Department's approval of a restricted drug may be terminated.

The revised draft rules still add definitions, clarify the application process and notification requirements, and address changes that have occurred in the program with respect to the implementation of Medicare Part D and the use of a vendor pharmacy for drug distribution.

Among the other changes to the rules, the draft rules also specify:

- That individuals enrolled in ADAP, primary care providers, and case managers must notify the Department of specific changes that may affect eligibility or the Department's ability to contact the individual or primary care provider;
- The conditions for provisional enrollment;
- Requirements for distribution of prescription drugs, including the requirements for the vendor pharmacy; and
- How restricted drugs may be requested.

Stakeholders are asked to review the revised draft rules posted on this Web Site and to send any comments about the rulemaking to Ruthann Smejkal, Rules Analyst for the Department, by e-mail at smejkar@azdhs.gov, by phone at 602-364-3959, or by fax at 602-364-1150.